

What's New in the MPDC

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THREE MORE AGENCIES SIGN AGREEMENTS TO EXPAND POLICE PATROLS IN DC

The complete text of all Police Coordination Act Agreements, including maps showing the respective agencies' expanded areas of jurisdiction, are posted on the MPDC Web site. To access the agreements and related background information, go to:

www.mpd.org
(Click on Services and Programs)

Officers from three federal law enforcement agencies will be sent on expanded patrol in areas immediately surrounding their current DC jurisdictions under cooperative agreements the agencies signed this week with the MPDC. The FBI Police, the National Zoological Park Police, and the U.S. Defense Protective Service entered into Police Coordination Act Agreements with the MPDC this week; the Amtrak Police Department had signed a similar agreement last October. The Police Coordination Act, authored by DC Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, allows any of 32 federal law enforcement agencies operating in DC to enter into a cooperative agreement with the MPDC to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in DC. Officers of the

federal agencies receive specialized training in DC law. Their expanded area of jurisdiction, in which the officers may make arrests, is detailed in the agreements. All cooperative agreements are coordinated in advance with the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. Read the news release on the latest three agreements at:

www.mpd.org (Click on News)

MPDC, COMMUNITY LEADERS ANNOUNCE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

It was a crime that shook DC and the country: a multiple shooting outside the National Zoo during traditional Easter Monday Family Day. To remember last year's tragedy and return the festivities to their traditions of family and peace, the MPDC, the Clergy Police Community Partnership, the Alliance of Concerned Men and a host of other agencies are teaming up for an outreach day at the National Zoo on April 16. The Easter Monday event is one of several youth outreach and crime prevention activities taking place throughout the week, as part of DC's Youth Conference & Expo. Other events include a youth conference, candlelight vigil for victims of violence and a 10K Bike-a-Thon east of the river on April 21. For more information about Youth Conference & Expo, call the CPCP at 202-373-5767, or go to:

www.mpd.org

Last week, Chief Ramsey joined many of the same community leaders – including representatives of a newly organized DC police foundation – in tipping off a youth basketball league that focuses not just on basketball, but also on developing life skills and preventing crime. Read the news release at:

www.mpd.org (Click on News)

CHIEF RAMSEY URGES IMPROVED SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

Chief Ramsey urged police executives to make victim services an integral part of their community policing strategies, during keynote remarks last week at a regional symposium on improving police services to victims of crime. The symposium, co-hosted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the MPDC, brought together police officials and victim advocates from DC, Maryland and Virginia to develop strategies to enhance and implement a coordinated response to victims of crime. Find out more about the Chief's remarks by visiting:

This week's regional symposium follows the IACP's National Summit on Victims of Crime. To access the summit follow-up report, "What Do Victims Want?", go to:

www.theiacp.org/pubinfo/research/

www.mpdc.org (Click on News)

DC CRIME DROPS 5 PERCENT IN MARCH; HOMICIDES DOWN SHARPLY FOR THE YEAR

While most crime types are down or steady for the year, DC has seen a dramatic, 34 percent increase in robberies, according to preliminary data. Like other crimes, robbery is often a crime of opportunity. Learn how you can reduce your risk of becoming a robbery victim:

www.mpdc.org
(Click on Safety Tips)

Crime in the District fell by nearly 5 percent last month when compared with March 2000, according to preliminary statistics released by the MPDC. For the first quarter of the year, reported crime is down slightly, with substantial decreases in homicide, sexual assault and burglary offset by a large jump in robberies. Year-to-date, homicides are down more than 32 percent, from 74 in the first quarter of 2000 to 50 through March of this year. Sexual assaults declined 27 percent and burglaries 23 percent during this time period. View preliminary year-to-date crime statistics for each of the seven districts and the city as a whole by going to:

www.mpdc.org (Click on Crime Statistics)

MPDC BEGINS WEEKLY, WALK-IN TESTING FOR POLICE OFFICER CANDIDATES

Last week, the MPDC began offering weekly, walk-in testing for candidates interested in becoming Metropolitan Police officers. Applicants who wish to take the entrance examination should report to the Office of Recruiting, #6 DC Village Lane, SW, Building 1-A. Tests are offered every Thursday at 1 pm. The MPDC is accepting applications and hiring new officers as it seeks to boost its ranks by approximately 250 officers over the next few years. See the news release announcing the new testing schedule by going to:

For complete information on becoming a Metropolitan Police officer, including minimum requirements and a downloadable copy of the application form, click on:

www.mpdc.org
(Click on Career Opportunities)

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Information, ideas or comments about this service?

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